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SUBJECT: PROVINCIAL PREMIERS ANNUAL MEETING

1. ALL TEN CANADIAN PROVINCIAL PREMIERS WILL GATHER EVENING OF AUG 17 IN ST. ANDREWS, NEW BRUNSWICK FOR THEIR ANNUAL TWO-DAY MEETING. HOST N.B. PREMIER HATFIELD WAS ABLE TO PERSUADE QUEBEC PREMIER LEVESQUE TO ATTEND, AFTER HIS EARLIER REFUSAL, BY CONSENTING TO PLACE QUESTION OF RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS ON MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS ON THE AGENDA.

2. DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CENTER ON TWO GENERAL TOPICS: (A) THE ECONOMY -UNEMPLOYMENT, ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND REMOVAL OF ANTI-INFLATION CONTROLS AND (B) EDUCATION-MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATION RIGHTS WITH ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTIONAL TRENDS, PROCEDURES FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND PROVINCIAL /FEDERAL RELATIONS. THURSDAY'S SESSION WILL DEAL WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS AND FRIDAY'S WITH EDUCATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS. LATE FRIDAY THE GROUP WILL GO TO CAMPOBELLO ISLAND WHERE THEY WILL BE HOSTED BY FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, JR. AND MAINE SENATOR EDMUND MUSKIE.

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EM NEWS COVERAGE OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE EXTENSIVE, APPROX 225 NEWS MEDIA PEOPLE PLAN TO COME TO THE AREA TO REPORT ON THE MEETING.

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